in the State, is assessed at 15 per cent of the premiums collected from the Life Policies of persons living in the State;

(2) if so, how was this 15 per cent arrived at;

(3) do the incomes of such companies from the Life Policies of the persons who do not possess a chargeable income, come to the notice of the income-tax authorities; and if so, how?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(1) The income is fixed at 15 per cent in the case of non-resident Companies carrying on dividing Society or assessment business. No such percentage is fixed in the case of other Companies.

(2) According to rule 39 of the Cochin Income-tax Rules.

(3) Yes; by enquiries made by the Officers of the Department and from the accounts and statements furnished by the Companies themselves.

Devadhar Report.

187. Mr. T. C. Iyyukkutty.—Will the Government be pleased to state what has become of the Devadhar Report?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Mr. Devadhar died before he could submit the report to the Government. But the materials collected by him for the report were got down from the Servants of India Society and they are now pending compilation with the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—May I know when we can expect the publication of the report?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—I do not think we can say anything definitely about the time.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know what time it will take for the publication of the report submitted by Mr. Devadhar?

Mr. President.—I think the Hon'ble Member is labouring under a misapprehension. Mr. Devadhar has not submitted a report. What we did was simply to get down the material collected by Mr. Devadhar. A report is being compiled.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know when we can have the benefit of that compilation?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—The earliest attention will be bestowed on this matter. But amidst other duties it may take a little more time.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether within a reasonable time we can have the benefits of the report that we expected to have?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—We cannot give the exact time within which the report will be published.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Was the Honorarium given to the late Mr. Devadhar?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Registrar of Co-operative Societies find sufficient time to attend to this work amidst his multifarious duties?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—I hope so.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.—ഈ പഠ്വവേക്ഷണത്തിന് ആ കെ ഏതു ചിലവുണ്ടെന്നു ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനു പറയുവാൻ സാധിക്കുമോ?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—It has come to nearly Rs. 3000.

Investiture of District Registrars with the powers of Assistant Registrar of Joint Companies.

188. **Mr. K. S. Manickam.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when were the District Registrars of Taluk Headquarter stations invested with the power of Assistant Registrar of Joint Stock Companies;

(b) what was the practice before that;

(c) was it not at that time that 1st grade Head clerks were posted to Taluk Head-quarter stations;

(d) when were all the Registrars invested with the power of Assistant Registrar of Joint Stock Companies;

(e) have not the work increased in all Registry Offices since all the Registrars were invested with the power of Assistant Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, Notary Public and Kuri Registrar;

(f) in the absence of the Registrar, are not all the above functions performed by the Head clerk in addition to his own duties?

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